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• What goes up, must come down, as Darren Byrne (left) of Heidelberg is about to find out after this crunching tackle from George Cross mid-fielder Don Maclare at Olympic Park on Sunday. Byrne was making his National League debut, in a finals game no less, and found the experienced Maclare a real handful. George Cross won the match 2-1, kicking Heidelberg out of the finals in the process. Noel Mitten scored the goal which takes George Cross into this Sunday's do-or-die clash with Footscray JUST. Turn to pages 2 and 3 for the match reports of all the finals. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

# Croatia, Juventus get set for battle

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Vedran Rozic is mustering his troops, Len McKendry is whipping his men into a frenzy. Sydney Croatia and Brunswick Juventus, the Northern and Southern Division champions, respectively, are one step away from the divisional Grand finals.

Croatia collides with the cocky St George at St George Stadium on Sunday at 3 pm. Rozic is ready for a bone-crunching confrontation.

Brunswick Juventus tries to halt the march into the Grand Final of the team that is running hot in the Southern Division finals — Adelaide City Juventus. Their clash kicks off at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday at 2.30 pm. What a game this one will be.

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St. George Stadium  
Sunday  
Marconi v Sydney Olympic at 1 pm, followed by  
Sydney Croatia v St. George.  
Olympic Park No. 1  
Sunday  
George Cross v Footscray JUST at 3 pm.  
Hindmarsh Stadium  
Sunday  
Adelaide City Juventus v Brunswick Juventus at  
2.30 pm.

Brunswick Juventus to the limit.

St. George might have beaten Sydney Olympic last Sunday but it was a lackluster display by Frank Arok's men. Nevertheless, Arok is well aware that Croatia will try and hit his team on the break, exploiting the pace of Zeljko Jurin and the immaculate ball skills of Manis Lamard. He will try and counter that tactic.

But no matter what game-plan Arok comes up with, Croatia simply looks too classy and should clinch a Grand Final berth in front of a huge crowd at St. George Stadium.

There are no prizes for coming second in Sunday's other finals. George Cross meets JUST at Olympic Park in Melbourne at 3 pm, while Marconi meets Olympic at St. George Stadium at 1 pm.

The George Cross players firmly believe that they'll beat JUST. It will be a classic encounter between a Cross outfit whose hallmarks are discipline and organisation, and a team oozing skill and flair. Vojslav Vukcevic is expect-

ed to return to his sweeper's role for JUST, releasing Vlatko Belic into midfield. Belic's bite will be crucial in this area of the contest.

Former George Cross star, striker Ossie Latif, would like nothing better than to play his part in kicking George out of the finals but Latif will have to perform at a far higher standard than he did last Sunday to make any headway against Shaun Parton and Steve Richardson.

Marshall Soper should return to the Olympic line-up against Marconi and his presence is bound to take a lot of pressure off young Chris Kalantzis. Olympic's only effective forward against St. George.

Soper's a big-game player and will carry the hopes of the army of Olympic fans at this clash. He is capable of turning the tide of this contest in Olympic's favor but Marconi showed against Sydney Haikoo last weekend that it is a side with enormous character.

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# Marconi hits back!

By

ALEX VESIC

**MARCONI** 3 (Lowe 60th, Jankovic 82nd, Gunnin 88th) **SYDNEY HAKOAH** 3 (Farina 7th, 21st, 57th). Marconi won 4-3 on penalties. Northern Division Elimination Final at St George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd: 7,000. Cautions: Robertson, Gomez, Souness, Farina (SH). Referee: Stuart Mellings 4.

**MARCONI:** James 8 — Carter 7, Henderson 8, Sterry 6, Wheatley 7 — Gray 6, Masson 7, Jankovic 50th, Tredinnick 60th, Brown 6, Lowe 7, El Ali 7 (Gunning 86th). **COACH:** Les Scheinfug.

**HAKOAH:** Garamy 8 — Hockridge, Robertson 6, Gomes 6, De Marignac 6 (Saad 35th, 6) — Souness 6, Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Farina 8, Kosmina 8, Lee 6 (Paterson 82nd). **COACH:** Eddie Thomson.

**Man of the match:**  
**FRANK FARINA**  
(Syd. Hakoah)

Frank Farina scored a hat-trick to give Sydney Hakoah a clear three-goal lead after an hour's play in the Elimination Final at St George Stadium last Sunday but his gallant effort was in vain as Marconi stormed back to equalise and force the match into extra time.

Extra time provided no further goals and penalties decided the issue with Marconi's captain Tony Henderson scoring the decisive penalty.

It was a heart-stopping contest which Hakoah got the top ear with Farina prominent. Bruce James was the villain as he dropped his attempted throw-out, then picked the ball up under pressure and was penalised by the

referee for handling twice. From the ensuing play, Joe Watson's chip found John Kosmina at the far post and he headed the ball down for Farina to score.

With 20 minutes gone, Hakoah went further ahead. The stubborn refusal by Kosmina to give up and some sloppy marking by Marconi defence saw Hakoah strike. Kosmina sent a low drive from the bye-line and it deceived past two Marconi defenders to the feet of Farina who was only metres away from the line to make it 2-0.

Kosmina provided the sparkwork for both goals but fell foul of his own urge to score. With six minutes to go in this half he was inside the penalty area with room to spare but his shot finished metres over the bar. Four minutes later, Kosmina made a great run to goal, driving towards the edge of the area and with two players in support and Marconi's defence in tatters he decided to shoot when he should have provided a team mate with a great chance. James saved and Marconi survived.

Then came yet another uncharacteristic fumble by James and Marconi went in at half time feeling a little lucky to be only two goals down. In fairness to the Fairfielders, it could have been 2-1 as the break had Rod Bratt scored from a free kick in the eighth minute when he faced young Steve Garamy. A great save by Garamy saw the ball bounce back to Brown who slammed it across goal, missing the far post by centimetres.

Grant Lee had a great chance in the opening minute of the second half but hit the side netting when came the magnificent fightback by Marconi.

Brown had the goal at his mercy in the 53rd minute but he swung and missed the ball, then came a great run by Osvaldo El Ali with his cross finding Brown on the edge of the box. Another poor drive by Brown saw Les Scheinfug on the farward bench clutching his head in his hands despairingly.

Peter Tredinnick was possessed by Watson in the 57th minute and from a quick counter attack Farina raced away to face James and make it 3-0. Surely Marconi was down for Lowe.

Not so. Only three minutes later, Marconi scored through David Lowe. His superb left

footer from 25 metres found the corner of the net to cut Hakoah's lead to two goals.

Just 18 minutes were left when all hell broke loose inside the Hakoah penalty area following a corner from the right. A header by Marconis' keeper was cleared by the keeper, then a header by Brown was saved on the line by Robertson but the Hakoah defender used his arms and the inevitable followed. The penalty was given but yet again Hakoah survived as young Garamy made a superb save to deny Lowe.

As time ticked away, Marconi loomed. Farina broke through on the right then

cut the ball back for Kosmina who could have scored but on this occasion decided to push it wide for Abbas Saad who faced open goal but blasted his shot well over the bar.

This miss proved costly as Marconi stormed back to score through Jankovic. A cross by Tredinnick was greeted with a superb header by Jankovic. It was Jankovic's 200th goal in his career and success for Hakoah here. Farine had yet another opportunity to settle the issue as he faced James in the 86th minute but could not find the net and yet again Hakoah was punished severely for the miss.

A Lowe corner was backed by Brown to Jankovic whose header beat the keeper. Garamy recovered to drag the ball back but Geoff Gunning followed up to make it 3-3.

Extra time provided the thrills and spills expected of a cup-tie with Paterson making the first breakthrough with a header yet another sitter, but his accuracy was astray again and he skied the shot with James beaten. Then Jankovic beat Robertson at the other end but his shot flashed past the upright with Garamy

leaving the ball in the net.

Marconi celebrated while Henderson went up to the unfortunate Garamy to offer a consoling hand.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**ADELAIDE JUVEN-**  
**TUS** 3 (Villani 38th,  
Mullen 57th, Melta penalty  
76th) **FOOTSCRAY JUST** 2 (Bozinovski 9th,  
Belic 47th). Southern  
Division Qualifying Final at Olympic Park No.  
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about 7,000. Cautions:  
Bozinovski, Petrovski,  
Barjaktarevic (FJ). Referee:  
Gary Power 2.

**ADELAIDE JUVEN-**  
**TUS:** McKelvy 7 — Shillabeer 7,  
Flounders 8, Nyskohus 7, To-  
bin 7 — Villani 8, Melta 7,  
Santrac 7, Vidmar 6 — Mullen  
5, Melta 7 (penalty 83rd).  
**COACH:** Zoran Matic.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST:** Niko-  
tic 5 — Barjaktarevic 6, Karic  
6, Belic 8 — Stosic 6, Tapal 7,  
Bozinovski 6, Spink 7, Pe-  
tirovski 7, Vidmar 4 (Curcic  
83rd), Lujic 8. **COACH:** Dragosav  
Sekularac.

While Joe Mullen was tearing the Footscray JUST defence to shreds and displaying all of the close control, the scintillating pace, the incredible stamina and the vision that first caught the imagination of soccer scribes a few seasons ago, Ossie Latif was wasting most of the rare touches of the ball he had and eventually was taken off by JUST coach Dragosav Sekularac.

The contrasting fortunes of these rival strikers tells part of the tale of this game.

But the story would be incomplete if referee Gary Power didn't figure prominently in at least a few chapters.

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helpless. So we were faced with a penalty showdown.

That proved to be a nightmare for the sharpshooters of both sides as both keepers moved with gay abandon to save no less than five penalty kicks before Marconi's last effort was saved from Kosmina as did Garamy from Paul Carter. Watson scored as did Tredinnick and penalty scores were level at 1-1. Then came another save by James from Paterson, while Gray scored to give Marconi the edge. Saad equalised but Lowe made it 3-2.

Gomez made it 3-3, then in came Jankovic with the fifth penalty for Hakoah from Murray Barnes and a superb save from James.

Henderson was next and he drove his shot low. Garamy looked to have it covered but the ball slipped through his hands and into the net.

Marconi celebrated while Henderson went up to the unfortunate Garamy to offer a consoling hand.

# MULLEN THE MAGNIFICENT

**Man of the match:**  
**JOE MULLEN**  
(Ad. Juventus)

It levelled the scores in the 53rd minute, thanks to the bravery of Mullen and the terrible timing of Nikitic.

Adrian Santrac supplied the cross that he'd beat Mullen to the ball. How wrong he was. Nikitic charged off his line but before he could hit the ball Mullen put his head where it could hurt and headed past the referee.

In the 68th minute, Maxwell cut inside Tom Karic from the left and struck a firm shot but Nikitic got down to hold the ball cleanly.

In the 70th minute, Stosic really quiet in the second half after a great first stanza, got onto the end of Tapal's cross only to head straight at the McNaughton.

A few later, Alex Tobin exploited a series of mismatches down the left and sent over a delightful curling cross but Maxwell didn't time his header well and the ball sailed over the bar.

Then came the penalty that sunk JUST. Shortly after, coach Zoran Matic too off Maxwell, goodness knows why.

Right on full time, Karic and Barjaktarevic decided to pass the ball about, inside JUST's defensive half. The man doing the "doggies" was Paul Wilde who had replaced Maxwell. Karic finally hit a poor pass to Barjaktarevic and Wilde intercepted. Wilde played the ball inside to Matic who did the same thing, long enough for Aurelio Vidmar to make a fine supporting run on Mullen's right. Mullen slipped the ball to Vidmar but Nikitic did well to parry Vidmar's shot from 10 metres.



YAKA BANOVIC



• JUST midfielder Ernie Tapal (left) under pressure from Charley Villani of Adelaide Juventus. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

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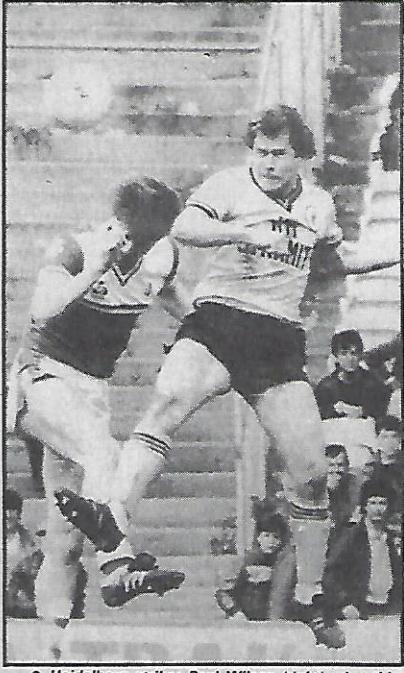
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# 'Yard Dogs' keep Bergers at bay



**Heidelberg striker Paul Wilson (right) wins this heading duel with George Cross defender Shaun Parton but Parton had the last laugh. George Cross knocked Heidelberg out of the Southern Division finals. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.**

**GEORGE CROSS 2**  
(Campeli 15th, Mitten 52nd) **HEIDELBERG 1**  
(Deligiannis 46th).  
Southern Division Elimination Final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 7,000. Cautions: Deligiannis, Ousalkas, Ketsakidis (H); MacLaren, Mitten (GC). Referee: Richard Lorenc 5.

**GEORGE CROSS:** Keogh 7 — James 7, Richardson 7, Parton 7 (inj, Innes 81st), Campeli 8 — Bain 7, Faulkner 6, MacLaren 7, Markovski 7 — Gillies 6, Mitten 7. Coach: John Gardiner.  
**HEIDELBERG:** Oliver 7 — Ousalkas 5, Hunter 6, Selenidis 6, Ketsakidis 5 (Valentine 74th), Keogh 6, Lachesis 8, Byrne 5 (Anastasiadis 74th), Tsolakis 8 — Wilson 7, Deligiannis 6. Coach: Brian Grey.

Darren Byrne was making his NSL debut, Nick Ousalkas was making a

— **By CRAIG MACKENZIE**

rare senior team appearance, Steve Marley and Doug Brown were suspended while Ian McKie and Con Pappas were out through injury — what hope did Heidelberg have against a well drilled outfit like George Cross?

Not much, or so it seemed before this elimination final.

But full credit to Heidelberg for pushing George Cross the way it did, even if Heidelberg's performance mainly was built upon the efforts of three players — Peter Tsolakis, Paul Wilson and Claude Lucchesi.

Tsolakis was a bundle of energy and desire, says Wilson too was a tireless trier in front against "The Yard Dogs".

Shaun Parton, Steve Richardson and Tyrone James — the men who have defended the George Cross goal so well this year, while Lucchesi easily was Heidelberg's most effective midfielder.

But it never was going to be enough.

George Cross wasn't brilliant. Far from it. But there was an awareness about its display, a genuine team contribution, that will make George Cross very, very tough to toss.

Heidelberg should have opened the scoring in the 12th minute when wee Tsolakis played a superb ball to Wilson on the right of the George Cross area. Wilson struck the ball across the face of goal to the unmarked Nick Deligiannis who completely miscued his shot from just six metres. It was a gilt-edge chance.

Three minutes later, John Campeli scored a marvellous goal.

He cut in from the left and immediately was confronted by Heidelberg's captain and sweeper Theo Selenidis. Campeli dummied to go outside Selenidis who took the ball. In a flash, Campeli switched to the inside and unleashed a fierce, low drive that beat Jeff Oliver at the near post.

Shortly after, a John Kane-souls cross from the right

picked out Wilson but he headed straight at Sean Keogh and within minutes Campeli played the ball to Noel Mitten on the left of the Heidelberg area. Mitten tried to cut inside but was dispossessed.

In the 35th minute, Lucchesi struck his volley well but Keogh saved in an untrifled manner. You hardly had time to blink before John Markovski displayed his renowned shooting power but the ball whistled just over the bar.

Krogh made the save of the match in the 43rd minute when he tipped a low drive from Tsolakis just wide. Had Keogh missed, it was a certain goal.

A minute into the second half scores were level.

A superb cross from Wilson on the left was headed past Keogh by Deligiannis. George

Cross had the job in front of it once more.

But Cross responded in the best possible fashion.

In the 52nd minute, Campeli sent in a free kick from the left. Parton won it in the back post and didn't Bain give it everything he's got. The ball thudded against the underside of the bar. Mitten was waiting and clinically tucked it away before Oliver could recover.

Jeff Franklin played the ball to Mitten in the 53rd minute and Mitten drove it into the right of the Heidelberg area. He could have shot, he could have set up Carl Gilder and he tried the latter only for Oliver to intercept well.

In the 75th minute, Markovski swung over a free kick from the left. Gilder headed on to Bain who was really dangerous coming in late at the back post but Bain's lob beat both Oliver and the bar.

Four minutes later, Heidelberg should have been put out of its misery. Campeli played a superb ball down the left to Mitten who was unmarked and his experience to shrug off Ousalkas's challenge. That left Mitten in the clear. He charged toward the penalty area as Oliver charged off his line. In the end, Mitten got too close to Oliver for the chip he tried to be effective. Oliver snatched the ball out of the air.

In the 81st minute, Tyrone

James made a crucial tackle on Mike Valentine, who had replaced Chris Ketsakidis at half time. Valentine was lifting up a shot from 12 metres when James held it and won the ball.

Two minutes later, Wilson headed wide following a corner from Valentine and Heidelberg's last chance of taking the contest into extra time came in the 86th minute but Keogh was equal to the task, parrying a vicious shot from Tsolakis and grabbing the ball at the second attempt.

## NO SOPER, NO OLYMPIC

By ALEX VESIC

**ST. GEORGE 1**  
(Koczka 16th) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0**. Qualifying Final at St. George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd: 7,000. Cautions: Raskopoulos, Phillips, Kalantzis (\$0). Referee: Monteverde 9.

**ST. GEORGE:** Greedy 8 — Skeen 6, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — J.

**Man of the match:**  
**TERRY GREEDY**  
(St. George)

**O'Shea 7, Moffitt 7, Ricoy 6 — Petkovski 6, Koczka 7, Fletcher 5. Coach: Frank Arrok.**  
**OLYMPIC:** Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Phillips 7, Mitten 8, Spanoudakis 7 — Raskopoulos 7, Estavillo 7, Phillips 6, Katholos 6 (Chiles 80th), Petalas 6 (Zervas 65th), Kalantzis 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

missing from Sydney Olympic's line-up last Sunday. The talented striker had an infected toe and could not play against St. George.

Without Soper, Olympic looked pale up front and enthusiastic Chris Kalantzis was the only player Saints had to worry about.

In a match which hardly rose above the standard of an intersuburb-all-age contest, St. George capitalised on an early mistake by Olympic to win the game.

Gary Phillips was the culprit

and attempts by Mike Coady and Gary Meier to remedy the mistake were in vain as Andrew Koczka pounced on the ball to tap it home.

This goal took the wind out of Olympic's sail and for the rest of the match Saints relied on their defence to frustrate Olympic.

Greedy, Ratcliffe and Michael O'Shea were involved in some elaborate passes to draw Olympic players forward and waste time.

In fact Saints were caught on quite a few occasions playing for time and could have paid dearly.

Kalantzis sent some brilliant headers towards the Saints goal and the one in the 79th from 14 metres was awesome indeed. Had it been wide of Greedy I feel that extra time would have been odds on. Greedy surely was thankful that the header went straight at him.

In fairness to the winning side, I must stress that it always created more opportunities and denied Olympic any room for creativity.

Vicente Estavillo struggled during the first half but stamped his authority during the second, showing off his fine

skills and accurate passing while Peter Raskopoulos showed the enthusiasm to go forward and try his luck with a shot or two.

Petkovski, Ricoy and Koczka had chances to make this afternoon a miserable one for the Olympic fans but failed, showing up Saints' inept and ineffective forward line. Those silky skills of Cotton and Bellisini would have done wonders on a day like this.

If either side repeats this performance then I'll tip Crofton and Marconi to meet in the Grand Final.



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As they hardly could when they saw Gento's precocious wing play during the re-screening of the 1960 final last year.

As for us of a different generation who will certainly believe it, it will be a different source of wonder.

What has happened to wingers?

After all, wingers were a simple tool with simple qualities. As Aston shows, habitually destroying the Benfica right back Adelio, all they needed was an explosive burst of acceleration, close control in flight, and an ability to make the accurate cross.

Which most players today have in abundance.

When I pondered over this recently a top NSL coach told me the advent of the sweeper destroyed wingers.

But, being more naive in these tactical matters than qualified coaches, I then wondered how, in all the 20 odd years since Alf Ramsey's wingless men won the World Cup, no technical genius has come up with the strategy to permanently counter the sweeper and re-establish once and for all the beauty of wing play.

I know that one particular turn in the game's evolution since then had been the use of the overlapping defender.

That is, the winger would move inside, taking his man with him, leaving space for the fullback to burst through and make his cross.

Similarly, in Ramsey's team, that was happening with Cohen on the right and, at times, Wilson on the left galloping forward as pseudo wingers creating defensive confusion.

But, either because coaches have worked on a counterplan to that strategy or — more likely — fullbacks with the talent to transform into wingers are few, the pattern had not evolved to be particularly permanent.

Frank Arok, as we know, favors fullbacks who are more



**LES MURRAY**

wingers than fullbacks. But don't we know how hard it seems for him to find them? (Although he may have found one in the revitalised Wally Savor. Don't be surprised to see him back in the squad).

And we also saw, from the way Czechoslovakia played, that the system so richly reliant on attacking fullbacks can be beaten. Simply by playing with wingers.

In the first game in Melbourne, both Jennings and Pesticoglou were forced on the back foot by the wingers that confronted them. Had they ventured forward as they had hoped, and surely were planning to do, the two Czech flankmen may have run riot.

They held back, hence Australia's futile attempts to break through the middle and the need, later, to bring on the likes of Kalantzis to add strength to the Australian flanks.

Wing play is still devastating and still the most deadly way to beat an entire defence. Simply because humans are not equipped to be very efficient while running backwards.

Once a winger manages to reach the byline the defenders, not matter how good, are helpless. They are caught running backwards, facing the wrong way and the attacking target men in the middle breathing down their necks is a devastating advantage. Facing the ball, running forward, all they have to do is tap in.

Among our resources there are two young men whom, forced by the need of efficient wing play, I can see spotting a more permanent place in the Socceroos line-up.

Chris Kalantzis and Frank Farina are both at home on the flanks. Both are superbly quick, strong and aggressive.

If Frank Arok can get away with getting a maximum amount of wingplay out of Jennings and Pesticoglou maybe he won't need them.

But if he can't, and the Czechs proved that he may not be able to, he may be forced to make Kalantzis and Farina regulars rather than just youthful reserves.

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## Zurich lists Rufer

• Wynton Rufer, New Zealand's talented World Cup striker, has been transfer listed by FC Zurich.

The Swiss club said its committee decided last week to release him. He would be allowed to resume training, but no longer would be considered for the first team.

The First Division club suspended Rufer indefinitely the previous week and banned him from training after he missed the team coach to an away game. Rufer claimed he had overslept.

Rufer now could join West German Bundesliga club Borussia Moenchengladbach which trialled him recently.

• Many First Division players staged a strike in protest over recently introduced transfer restrictions, on the Greek League's opening day. Nine teams fielded amateur selections and two games were postponed.

Hundreds of fans took to the streets in the Sicilian city of Palermo after learning that their local club would be closed down until it can give the Italian federation guarantees over financial liabilities. Palermo is believed to be \$22,000,000 in debt.

• Azeglio Vicini, who guided Italy to the European under-21 Championship, is the new manager of Azzurri's senior team.

• Graham Turner became the first managerial casualty of the new English season when dismissed by Aston Villa — the club from bottom in Division One.

• Any Australian soccer follower looking through a recent edition of the English magazine "Football" would have been surprised to read that the former Newcastle KB United full back Paul Reaney had once won Australia's Footballer of the Year accolade.

The claim appears in a "Where Are They Now?" piece which details Reaney's career and his life after leaving British soccer in 1980.

Although the Englishman's method of coaches won in Australia is suspect (he did in fact gain nothing more substantial than the KB United 1980 Player of the Year award), his recollections of two years spent at Newcastle are pleasant and he says that he would have settled permanently and accepted a coaching position but for family commitments.

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• Frank Farina — the man behind Hakoah's amazing comeback in the Nanda Cup Final.

## A first for Hakoah, thanks to Farina

Allan Crisp



**Man of the match:  
FRANK FARINA  
(Syd. Hakoah)**

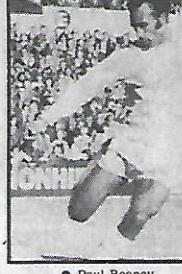
9 Rodriguez 7 (Syd. 37th, 7).  
Rokhlin 9, Mark 6, Doherty 6,  
Marigny 7, Soumous 7, Watson 7, Lee 8, Barnes 6 (Herper 88th). Farina 9, Kosmina 7.  
Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Nanda Cup Final drama of the highest magnitude was played out at the brightly lit Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night when Socceroo striker Frank Farina steered Sydney Hakoah to a great comeback with two fine extra-time goals.

Their championship finals then showed two aspects of Amoros — the impetuous hot-head who committed an appalling foul directly in front of the referee and the world class attacking full back.

Thankfully, when Mundial '86 kicked off the former had been subdued and the latter was emphasised in Mexico.

— PAUL MOON



**ADELAIDE HELLA 2  
(Hristodoulou 49th, 112th) SYDNEY HA-  
KOAH 3 (Kosmina 61st,  
Farina 114th, 118th)  
after extra time, Nanda  
Cup Final at Hindmarsh  
Stadium. Crowd: 3200.**

**Referee: Mellings 7.**

**ADLAIDE HELLA 2  
Spirou 7, Hesseyman 8, Dunn  
8, Hiern 7, Kristolouli 8,  
Manou 8, Panagis 7, Atsalas  
7, Papadopoulos 7, Konstantopoulos 7 (Nice 120th).  
Coach: Eddie Moon 11.**

**SYDNEY HAKOAH: Hughes**

Up until then, Hellas had every reason to believe it had won the \$70,000 prize.

Hellas ruled the roost from the kick-off and was desperately unlucky not to have scored in the 15th minute when George Konstandopoulos hit the post with a shot directed at an empty net after a rebound had fallen into his path.

The home side took a deserved lead after sweeping moves by Konstandopoulos, Liosi, Hristodoulou and the Youth Soccero slipped the ball past Brett Hughes in the Sydney Hakoah goal.

John Kosmina's equaliser in the 51st minute, as he hammered into the roof of the net from the apex of the six metre box, provided a sweet return to his old home ground.

But Hristodoulou proved that youth could have its fling as he notched his second goal of the final to regain the lead for Hellas.

With limbs aching and lungs bursting only a champion team led by a champion could stage the type of grandstand finish as that produced by Farina.

It was a comeback to end all comebacks and gallant Hellas was left to lament its second Cup Final loss in five years.

Meanwhile, Eddie Thomson's men, well used to league success, at last could celebrate a Cup Final triumph — their first in a decade of endeavour.

While Farina snared the accolades with his spectacular finale, it should be remembered that the trophy would have gone to Hellas had Brett Hughes not performed magical goalkeeping feats during the extra-time period when Hellas mounted enormous pressure.

## Amoros head-butted Olsen

Before it ran out of steam against West Germany, France delighted all those privileged to see it during the 1986 World Cup Finals and proved it has a depth of talent which must be the envy of all other nations.

Michael Platini and Alain Giresse, alchemists of the tricolors' "golden era", may have bowed out of international soccer, but such an abundance of

able players still is available that the French can look forward to the future with much optimism.

24 year old Manuel Amoros, voted the Mundial's best defender, should be given France's blue jersey for some years yet, with further glory a real prospect.

Like many other great French players Amoros has a foreign background — both his parents are natives of Alicante, Spain.

Amoros had not completed his initial full season of Division One football when called upon for the French senior selection. The match was against Italy (which was to become world champion a few months

later) — a team France had not beaten in 62 years.

The debutant shone brilliantly as the Azurri fell 2-0 and he went on to make five appearances in the 1982 World Cup finals. His skilful, constructive play in defence marked him as an exciting prospect.

By the time the 1984 European Championship finals rolled around, Amoros was established as a vital element in a team of undiluted class.

Unfortunately, France's triumph in the tournament must be a bittersweet memory to him. He was sent off for a brutal head but upon Denmark's Jesper Olsen with three minutes remaining of the opening game.

The resultant three-match suspension was seen by many as being far too lenient. Eligible to play in the final against Spain, he had to wait until the 72nd minute before being brought on as a substitute and immediately made an impact when moving up the right flank and producing a magnificent cross which Michael Platini headed narrowly wide.

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NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

As anticipated, Melita Eagles made a clean sweep of the matches played last Sunday to enter the Grand Final in all three grades, the best result ever achieved by the club.

Melita's President Laurie Dimech last weekend was presented with the trophy for the Club Championship making it one of the most memorable days in the club's history.

It is now no secret that Melita already is planning a huge publicity campaign to attract its largest support ever on Grand Final day in two weeks time.

And while its first and second grade sides were expected to succeed last weekend, having won their Premiership for 1986, it was a pleasant surprise to see the Melita third graders beat Sutherland 1-0.

It is now re-peach time and difficult for all

concerned. In third grade, Sutherland should, however, defeat Rockdale Ilinden. Despite some good results by Lazarovski through suspension should be enough to guarantee the Sharks entry into the Grand Final.

The second grade repechage final will see Penrith pitted against Freshwater or Sutherland against Freshwater. Sutherland has lodged a protest over the result of 1-0 loss last weekend Penrith claiming that Grey should not have played the third division team. It is difficult to see either Sutherland or Penrith succeeding against this in-form Freshwater.

As for the first grade game, I am afraid that it is going to be an extra time and penalties affair between Manly and Sutherland.

Manly had a number of yellow cards against Melita and that may cause some suspensions. The Sharks certainly have the edge and I would not take their enthusiastic and bustling game can take this young outfit into the Grand Final against Melita.

Manly will curse me for this prediction, but yet again I'll stick to my gut. Mind you, should Manly win this one and the Grand Final the following week, I might be forced to take a prolonged holiday in the Solomon Islands. But if Sutherland wins then I'll collect some nice wagers from some notable sources from the Manly Warringah district.

Whatever the outcome, it is going to be a fiercely-fought contest well worth watching with neither side giving an inch.

# Hughes humbles Ilinden, Vial turns the tide

**Sutherland 1  
R. Ilinden 0**

Elimination Final.  
Scorer: Hughes 35th.

High-flying Rockdale Ilinden came down to earth with a thud after Scott Hughes gave Sutherland a narrow but deserved victory at Melita Stadium last Saturday.

Rockdale Ilinden is now out of the race for the championship despite finishing second in the league.

Ilinden, without suspended Vladimir Torevski in midfield, lacked cohesion and was outplayed during the first period. The experience of Steve Meades and Mark Harrington and the enthusiasm of

## FIRST GRADE

Greg Lerond and Bruce Johnstone were telling factors as Sutherland was in control during the first 45 minutes.

Ilinden hardly could raise enough steam and ideas to find a way forward and when it did very little was achieved.

Peter Terry was the dominant figure at the back. Calm and playing with assurance, Terry was an inspiration to the Sutherland youngsters surrounding him. Craig Burrows and Robert Sellar were particularly effective, giving nothing away, while Brett Neilson outplayed Jimmy Ristevski on the flank.

Only once did Ilinden get close to scoring after a free kick had been awarded some 25 metres from goal. Zlatko Nastevski, 22-goal star of Ilinden in 1986, lined up against a well organised wall of defenders and his shot skimmed past the edge of the wall but not past the State League's best custodian, Craig Burchmore.

Sutherland took the lead after 35 minutes when a floated delivery deceived Billy Pilovski, falling inside Ilinden's penalty area. Peter Berry stood on his line as if mesmerised as Hughes unleashed a powerful drive which landed under the crossbar.

Minutes into the second half and Ilinden almost levelled the scores. A volley by Ristevski from a cross by Genovese finished inches over the bar.

Patrick Rodas was soon in the thick of things as he found his way into the penalty area and with three players in support, Rodas decided to go for a shot. But it finished wide with his team mates clutching their heads in disbelief.

Grevsak replaced Geoff Jones as coach Ilja Takac decided to go for a shot. And he almost succeeded with a shot from Orlanovic. The ex-St George youngster raced around Burchmore but ran too wide and had to check back before chipping the ball to Tony Genovese. The ex-APFA youngster took too long to settle on the ball and the chance went begging.

As Ilinden came out, attempting to equalise, its defence was坚不可摧. Terry's high line run could have ended all Ilinden's hopes as his cross found two Sutherland players against just one defender. The first shot was blocked by Berry then the ball rebounded to Cashman who could not find the net after a despairing dive by Berry.

Craig Hill and Steve Meades came close to scoring in the closing stages for Sutherland but in the end it was the 35th minute goal by Hughes which counted.

Billy Pilovski, Peter Berry and Geoff and Darren Wilson were Ilinden's stars while few could doubt the value of Burrows, Sellar, Sellar, and Hughes — Sutherland's youth brigade.

As soon as play restarted, Jemel Meerhan stole the show with a fine run. Peter Dennis stopped his progress inside the box and the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. Ray Farrugia licked his lips in anticipation before beating Catlin to make it 3-1.

Manly's only joy came after 70 minutes when Dragan Pupovic seemed to stumble with the ball and pressured by Campbell, it went over the line.

## THIRD GRADE

**R. Ilinden 1  
Penrith 0**

Elimination Final.  
Scorer: Lazarevski 78th.  
Rockdale Ilinden won its way into yet another play-off situation but will most probably face Sutherland without its star player Peter Lazarevski.

The man who decided the issue against Penrith with a fine effort from the edge of the area in the 78th minute was sent off a few minutes later.

Both sides played well and fought hard, just as in their previous clashes this season which ended in draws (0-0, 1-1). Kovacevski, Kyriakis and Breznikov looked formidable at the back for Ilinden and in the end that was the deciding factor.

**Melita Eagles 1  
Sutherland 0**

Qualifying final.  
Scorer:

A glancing header by

**Melita Eagles 3  
Manly Warringah 1**

Elimination Final.  
Scorers: Thompson 10th,  
Plumb 75th.

The much fancied youngsters of Sutherland had most of the play and created more chances but fell apart in front of goal and paid the price for it.

Penrith City capitalised on an early mistake by Sutherland to score through Craig Thompson but despite its lead never looked comfortable in defence. Skokan and Rols were prominent for Penrith early and gave Sutherland some anxious moments but that apart it was the visiting side who looked awesome with their determined runs forward.

Corner kicks and floated crosses rained down on the Penrith penalty area with a number of clear cut chances failing to Sutherland but Thompson stood tall for his side in goal. He threw himself at everything and anything attempting to block shot at goal. His work in the air was first rate.

Aided by some appalling finishing by Sutherland, Penrith withstood the pressure then counter-attacked with 15 minutes to go to score the clincher through Darren Plumb.

**Melita Eagles 3  
Freshwater 0**

Qualifying Final.  
Scorers: 37th Smith, 66th Dalton, 79th Lericet.

A corner kick by Melita decided the issue for the home side in the 37th minute. The shoulder height ball directed from the corner was flicked on by McCrannor and Smith was at the far post to send in an angled shot to score.

From then on it was no contest, despite Warringah Freshwater's strength. Some six first grade players last season played in its second grade side but none impressed more than Garrett and Nacinovic. However, that wasn't enough to make an impression on this Melita side.

Warren Dalton was faced with the simplest task of beating an exposed keeper in the 66th and Lericet, only a few minutes after coming on, made it 3-0 after he intercepted a poor back pass to beat Bowman.

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### Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

**SUTHERLAND 1 (Hughes 35th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0**

SUTHERLAND Burchmore 8 — Nelson 7, Terry 8, Burrows 7, Sellar 1, Ortiz 7, Thompson 10th, Plumb 75th.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 — G Wilson 8 (Gravissi 60th), Pilovski 8, D. Wilson 7, Rodas 7 — Degney 6, Jones 8 (Spirrovska 70th), Nastevski 6 — Genovese 6, Nastevski 5, Hristevski 5.

**MELITA EAGLES 3 (Vial 35th) CALLANAN 89th, FARRUGIA 90th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Campbell 7th)**

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MANLY: Catlin 6 — Dennis 7, Dick 7, Robin 8, Van Egmond 7 — Marshall 6, Campbell 6, Dean 6, Stuan 7 (Etherington 72nd), Alan 8 (Davison 72nd).

**SUTHERLAND 0, 2 (Thompson 10th, Plumb 75th)**

SUTHERLAND 0, Second Grade Elimination Final.

**MELITA EAGLES 3 (37th Smith, 66th Dalton, 79th Lericet) FRESHWATER 0, Second Grade Qualifying Final**

MELITA: Avellino — Furness, Lomas, Smith, Cabassi — Daley (64th Watkins), Baldoccino, Solidakis — Dalton, Tanevski, Lazarovski.

FRESHWATER: Bowman — G Evers, S Evers, Placer, Ouvrier (45th Sefton), Friend, Garrett, Cleary — Dano (64th Lampard), Sandner, Nacinovic.

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Lazarevski 78th) PENRITH CITY 0, Third Grade Elimination Final.**

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotevski — Aleksi, Georgios, Kyriakis, Breznikov, Sotiris, Street, Wenham — Dounis, Tanevski, Lazarovski.

PENRITH CITY: Blow — Correll, Cianciani, Grubba, Birnie — Tuck, Doherty, Dunn.

**MELITA EAGLES 1 (Ortiz 44th) SUTHERLAND 0, Third Grade Qualifying Final.**

MELITA: Behn — Corio, Allen, Genovese, Reveyre — Karahostis (53rd Agamemnon), Vela, Rago (64th Athanasiou), Brown, Ortiz, Pazos.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson — Long, Fielding, Bernell, Forester, Jevenco, Barr (59th Demarco), Christodoulou, Leney, Frearson, Mellier.



Emil Bruns



Ally Dick



Jim MacLean



Ian Stirton



Dean Hennessy

# Fleming Medal countdown

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Emil Bruns, Keith Adams, Ally Dick, Jim MacLean, Ian Stirton, Dean Hennessy, Danny Zemunik, Robert Krajacic, Lou Theodosopoulos, Andy Humble, George McMillan, Roy Walsh...

Is he the winner of the 1986 Bill Fleming Medal in that group?

The Fleming Medal for the best player in the Victorian State League and a host of other major awards will be announced at the All Stars Awards Night to be held at Arden Receptions, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy on Friday night.

The other awards are: Victorian NSL Player of the Year, Victorian NSL under-21 Player of the Year, Victorian Coach of the Year, Victorian League Player of the Year and Victorian Referee of the Year.

All awards will be voted for by members of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association. The Fleming Medal is decided by a panel of nine soccer scribes appointed by the VSP. These panels vote on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. The votes are tallied by VSP executive director George Wallace.

Zemunik, the Caulfield City striker, topped a poll of State League coaches conducted by Peter Desira in "The Sun" last week.

It was a surprising result for young Zemunik who is only in his first season in State

League. Yet he's a great competitor, something that obviously struck a chord with the coaches.

Brun has been touted about the traps as a Fleming Medal winner, mainly by journalists who remember some of his displays for Morwell Falcons in the pre-season Buffalo Gold Cup. Certainly Bruns has had a great league season and in my opinion he is one of the best stoppers in the competition.

Adams of Springvale City is the best sweeper in State League for mine. He won "Soccer Action's" Ametco Travel award for the State League Player of the Year and Victorian Referee of the Year.

Krajacic, the St Albans Dinamo player, is the most promising sweeper in State League. Krajacic has had an outstanding season and has thoroughly vindicated the decision of coach Tony Vrzina to sign him from Green Gully. In fact, Krajacic quite easily could play in the current Gully side.

Dick, the Pines striker, already is a strong tip for the Rothmans Medal so he surely will poll well in the Fleming Medal.

He's good on the ball and that's bound to catch the eye of many journalists.

Jim MacLean's been there and done that. He's still the best midfielder in the league as far as I'm concerned. He'll cer-

## HUNTER, DOBSON, CRAINIE VIE FOR NSL AWARD

tainly be one of the six players I'll be voting for.

Ian Stirton was the leading scorer in State League this season and the excitement he creates inside penalty areas definitely is eye-catching. Will it be enough to earn him the nod from the scribes?

Dean Hennessy of Box Hill really is a fine prospect. I marvel at the way he goes forward, his control is good for a big man and you rarely see him just booting the ball out of the danger zone. He always wants to play football. I like that in a defender.

Last but not least is Lou Theodosopoulos of Melbourne Hungaria. He's got big ambitions. He's a big talent too. He's got his supporters among the journalists. Don't worry about that.

And I don't mind letting you know that

son of Makedonia, George Hannah of Croatia, Danny Crainie of Hellas and Tommy Cummings of Green Gully.

I'll be absolutely speechless if Angie Postecoglou of Hellas doesn't win the under-21 Player of the Year award after a season in which he has made the step between youth and senior Soccerco selection. Little Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg and Joe Palatsides of Juventus will have their admirers though. So too will George Cross' teenage sensation John Markovski.

The candidates for Coach of the Year are Len McKendry of Juventus, Drago Sekularic of JUST, John Gardner of George Cross, Brian Harvey of Heidelberg and Peter Ollerton of Creighton.

Chris Bambridge is a firm favorite for the Referee of the Year award.

Previous Fleming Medal winners:

- 1971 — Jim Pyrgolos (Hellas), 1972 — John Gardner (George Cross), 1973 — Frank Micc (JUST), 1974 — Jim Armstrong (Hellas), 1975 — Billy Vojtek (Juventus), 1976 — Jim Tansey (Slavia), 1977 — Mick Watkins (Juventus), 1978 — Tommy Cumming (Croatia), 1979 — Tommy Cumming (Croatia), 1980 — Jimmy Dunne (Green Gully), 1981 — Charlie Egan (Frankston City), 1982 — Peter Lewis (Green Gully), 1983 — Paul Lewis (Green Gully), 1984 — Steve Smith (Box Hill), 1985 — Jim MacLean (Morwell Falcons).

# Jenkins takes Campbelltown to title in SA

By ALLAN CRISP

David Jenkins, SA's most innovative and unorthodox manager-coach, has achieved a major triumph by steering Campbelltown City to the 1986 Rothmans League championship.

The fans and officials at Strathmore Road are delighted by the success and with good reason — because it was the Red Devils' first top division title since they won promotion to First Division eight years ago.

When Jenkins accepted the post at the beginning of the season, he started many within the club by signing three experienced campaigners — Jimmy Mitchell, Chris Key and Gary Dooley.

Word was that Mitchell, elder brother of Soccerco and Eintracht Frankfurt striker David Mitchell, was over-the-hill as a First Division player.

It was a view shared by First Division clubs, Para Hills and Modbury, both of which allowed Mitchell to train, but eventually both rejected him as a first team prospect.

But Jenkins' faith in Mitchell was fully rewarded.

Ace mid-fielder-cum-sweeper Dooley and striker Key joined Mitchell playing significant roles in Campbelltown's success along with captain Steve Amos, dynamic goalkeeper Robbie Parks and veteran striker Marcel Barendregt.

Jenkins brought out the best in those players and the rest of his squad.

Jenkins' philosophy is based on looking beyond soccer concepts when planning his strategies.

He first came under notice when he coached Croatia in the 1979 Ampol Cup night series when he employed countless variations to set-piece plays.

The first corner-kick Croatia took in that series caused a buzz of bewilderment in the crowd and pandemonium for the defending side.

Not a single Croatia player entered the penalty area as the

corner kick was about to be taken.

Instead, every Croatia player, with the exception of the goalkeeper, formed a wall on the edge of the box and made a collective rush as the ball was put into play.

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## IT'S CROYDON!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

A pal of mine from Frankston Pines (yes, believe it or not I've got a couple) strolled into the 'Soccer Action' offices last Friday and boldly declared: "We'll win the State League Cup. We'll beat Croydon in the final."

Now he is what I call a bold cavalier.

Granted, Croydon will line up in Saturday's State League Cup Final at Wembley Park without midfielder Jim MacLean, who has been suspended over a dispute about match payments and weet Matt McDonnell, who has called it quits this season in order to recover from injury.

But that's no reason to get carried away. None whatsoever.

Croydon still is a damn good side. Don't believe me? Then ask Box Hill's victim in the State League Cup semi.

And don't think that because Darren Cooper is yet to establish himself in State League that he can't play. Young Cooper's pace will

give Pines plenty to think about.

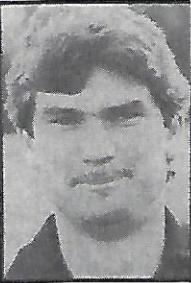
Among many reasons that I'll be at the match, one stands out — to see Frank Macleod and Graham French exchange pleasantness in centrefield.

"The Frenchman" has had a great season, his second in a row for Croydon, while "Fearless Frank" doesn't know how to take backward step. That should make for a most intriguing confrontation.

With MacLean sidelined I would have thought that Dave Brogan would have dropped back into midfield. Not so. Croydon coach Peter Ollerton came up with the answer in the form of that hustling, bustling, non-stop competitor Andy Humble.



**Frank Macleod**  
who played in midfield against the Hilmen



**Graham French**  
sides with his close skill and crossing ability. Not that Dick too can't go forward, indeed that's his strength, but he may not be given as much freedom as he'd like. It's a delicate balance I suppose, a decision facing every coach. For McMinnie, the decision will be based on the best contribution to the team. Is it in Pines' best interests to use Dick to keep Livingstone in check or are Pines best served if Dick is allowed to attack?

I've stuck with Croydon throughout the league season and I'll stick with it here. It has enough good players to win the State League Cup.

The curtain raiser at Wembley Park is the play-off for third and fourth places in the State League Cup between Box Hill and Dinamo.

Both camps probably are grumbling about having to play in the type of contest that gave the word "meaningless" its quintessential quality.

I well remember last year's third and fourth place play-off at Smith Reserve between Croydon and Western Suburbs. I think I made spectator Joe Docherty the man-of-the-match. Truly, it was a farce.

So I sympathise with the Box Hill and Dinamo players.

Look at it this way lads. You're under no pressure to perform. None at all. So just stay on your feet for 90 minutes and you'll all be able to have a lovely cold beer in the Box Hill clubrooms at the end of it.

What a nice way to spend a day.

## Hughes to ho Taylor sen

By KEN KONTRA

**Wilhelmina 2  
Box Hill 2**

*Scorers: Mazzagatti 24th, Nyholt 54th, Brown 3rd, Burton 77th.  
Box Hill won 4-3 on penalties.  
Venue: Jubilee Park.*

After a rather slow and even opening, with play mostly confined to the middle of the park, Box Hill caught Wilhelmina napping and took the lead in the 24th minute.

Sixteen-year-old Andrew Mazzagatti ghosted in behind the Wilhelmina defence to slam home Alan Roodhouse's low cross from close range.

Five minutes later, Colin Blackley did well to save Barry Burton's header and at the other end Stuart Thomson made an excellent run but instead of passing to Kees Storm free on his right, tried to do too much and was dispossessed by sweeper Dean Hennessy.

John Nyholt had three shots blocked before Box Hill managed to clear its lines, this being the best chance Wilhelmina had for an equaliser in the first half.

Tragedy struck for Box Hill soon after the start of the second half. Andy Hughes fell awkwardly after a

legitimate tackle and was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital for precautionary X-rays for a suspected fractured leg.

The game, which had not reached a high level anyway, became even scrappier after this incident, and neither team could sustain momentum nor develop any rhythm.

In the 54th minute, Wilhelmina drew level through a fine opportunist goal from Brown. In the 77th, Nyholt reached it ahead of the hesitant John McKinley and beat the keeper with a well-judged lob.

Nine minutes later, Wilhelmina took the lead as a result of a strange refereeing decision. The ball was lobbed into the Box Hill penalty area, the linesman had his flag up but as McKinley punched clear under pressure from Ron Verniers, the referee waved play on. Unfortunately for Box Hill, the ball only travelled as far as Storm on the edge of the penalty area and he scored with a looping header.

Just two minutes later, Box Hill had the ball in the net but after first pointing to the centre, the referee

## WAKE UP, VSF



Peter Desira

The Victorian Soccer Federation should wake up to reality and scrap the State League Cup which has become a totally meaningless competition.

Years ago I gave the top four clubs a second chance at grabbing an honour for the season and was a viable competition because the attendance still made it worthwhile for clubs to compete even though there was never any prize-money involved.

Nowadays the State League clubs attracting handfuls of supporters even on good days, it seems a total waste of time dragging their hardcore of workers all the way to places like Noble Park to play a double header mid week in freezing conditions where there is only the burden of players' wages to gain from the exercise.

With only a meaningless trophy at stake and no prize-money involved, it virtually means all four clubs will lose money even if the quartet decided to pay only training money and not contract wages for games.

**CROYDON 4 (French penalty 69th, Livingstone 71st, Cooper 86th, Humble 88th) BOX HILL 0.** State League Cup semi-final at Ross Reserve, last Wednesday night. Crowd: 250 (double header). Referee: Peter Mateski 8.

CROYDON: Waterman 7, Brown 7, O'Reilly 8, Tansey 8, Beach 7-Harrison 6, Humble 7, Livingstone 8 - Cooper 7, Brogan 8, French 6, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

BOX-HILL: McKinlay 6 - McPhee 7, A. McMullan 6, D. Hennessy 6, Hird 5, Ramos 5, Burton 5, Hughes 6 - McKenna 7, Gagic 5 (Roodhouse 63rd), Mazzagatti 5, Coach: Keith Webster.

**FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Runje 4th) ST. ALBANS DINAMO 0.** State League Cup semi-final at Ross Reserve, last Wednesday night. Crowd: 250 (double header). Referee: Ziggy Minch 6.

FRANKSTON PINES: Boan 9 - Macleod 6, Thurlow 7, Bozic 6 - Ross 6, Webster 7, Cooper 6, Ferris 5, Watson 8 - Runje 8, Armstrong 7, Cooper 7, Dan McMillan 7, M. McMullan 7, Gagic 5 - Krajacic 7, Brkljacić 7, Kusman 7 - Batinovic 6, M. Wilson 8, Culina 5, Rastocic 7, Duzel 6, Lloyd 8, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

season competitions run by individuals and communities like the Qantas World Cup, and tournaments involving the Croatian and Polish communities.

By the time players finish their commitments it will be time to start pre-season training again and we will be seeing worn-out players going through the motions.

How can we ever hope to see an improvement in the playing standard under such circumstances?

For the record, Croydon will take on Frankston Pines in the State League Cup Final, and if St. Albans Dinamo and Box Hill can scrape together 11 players each, they will battle it out in the cur-

tain raiser for an even more meaningless third spot.

Croydon defeated Box Hill 4-0 in the semi-final cramping all four goals into a 26-minute spell in the second half.

Box Hill should have taken the lead when Keith Waterman dropped a Pedro Ramos freekick, but no-one following up, the keeper was given the time to recover from his mistake and gather the ball safely in the 67th minute.

The Croydon backline had been solid. In command throughout the match and Box Hill's only chance of clinching victory seemed to be the possibility of sneaking

a goal and shutting the game up.

Croydon got a goal within two minutes of that close call and the match was never in doubt from then on.

Croydon's opener came from a penalty awarded for handball by Harry Hird and duly converted by Graham French.

Alex Livingstone added a second in the 11th minute, bring John Mateski with a beautifully weighted lob from outside the area.

Goal number three came from Darren Cooper who ran onto a nice through pass, evaded Dean Hennessy's challenge, rounded McKinley and slotted the ball into an empty net.

And two minutes from the end — Andy Humble headed home across from the left from David Brogan to complete the rout.

In the other semi-final, Frankston Pines started strong from the off, taking Goran Runje within four minutes of the start and set the scene for a more interesting end-to-end match.

St. Albans Dinamo did most of the pressing for the rest of the half.

But after the break, Pines broke away for a number of clear-cut chances only to be denied by the good keeping of Mate Gagic.

In the last minute of the game, Dinamo hit the bar but Pines hung on to get into the final.

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By KEN KONTRA

**Croydon 4  
Knox City 1**

*Scorers: Cooper 16th, Livingstone 32nd, O'Reilly 54th, 64th, Philips 82nd.*

*Venue: Jubilee Park.*

The fact of the matter was that Croydon was far too good for a valiant Knox City. On the other hand, Knox tried very hard to make a game of it, and was in no way disgraced in losing to the State League champion.

Croydon, obviously under instructions to nip in the bud any aspirations of a giant-killing act, opened in whirlwind fashion forcing Knox on the defensive.

Young Darren Cooper tested Les Long with a hard shot from an Alex Livingstone centre in the 3rd minute and seconds later nearly forced the ball over the line in a goal-mouth scramble.

Stone was busy again a few minutes later, tipping Graham French's volley over the bar, following one of those accurate Jim Tansey free kicks and then speculatively saved a curling shot from O'Reilly's curling shot diving full length to his left.

At the 14th minute, Knox nearly caught Croydon by surprise when Chris Valli unleashed a powerful drive from 20 metres. Keith Waterman managed to block the shot and the defence tidied up what could have been an embarrassing situation.

In the 16th minute, Croydon finally took the lead when a clever dummy by French cleared the way for Cooper to burst through the middle and plant his shot in the roof of the net past the advancing keeper.

Knox tried to come back through the efforts of midfielders Guy Bakker, Dean Bryden and Clive Holmes, but despite the occasional promising build-up in the middle of the park it could not penetrate the solid Croydon defence.

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off

**Man of  
the match:  
BARRY BURTON  
(Box Hill)**

cked with his linesman and  
re Wilkinson a free kick  
ead. Barry Burton levelled the scores  
and his former team in the 77th  
ute just before full time  
ndy McMillan's towering header  
s palmed over by Blackley as Wil-  
kinson survived a rather hectic  
few minutes to force the tie into extra time.

t was mostly Box Hill during extra  
e as Burton, Mazzagatti, Hird and  
dhouse in particular, seemed to  
e the legs on their opponents but a  
final touch was missing.

During the second period Chris  
Kovac, recipient of a yellow card in the  
first half, fell foul of the referee and got his marching orders, but  
Box Hill was untroubled to play out the  
remaining few minutes with 10  
n, and Nyholt's penalty miss  
costly.

**Suburbs**

**Man of  
the match:  
GED STENSON  
(W. Suburbs)**

The game was put beyond Sunbury  
in the 65th minute. The move leading to  
a goal began when sweeper Steve  
Dimovski dribbled past Sunbury  
players Ron Kremer and Steve Mc-  
Millan on the half-way line and then  
tied the ball forward down the left  
to Stenson.

Dimovski continued his run and  
seized a return pass from Stenson  
in the Sunbury backline then played  
the ball into the penalty area where  
it was cleared allowing Palmaricotti  
to drive the ball home from the  
edge of the penalty area with the  
lp of a deflection.

Sunbury almost scored in the 65th  
ute when a delightful chip by Kit  
Sechan seemed goalbound only  
o keeper Michael Katselis to  
e and finger-tip the ball onto the

**Cooper**

**Man of  
the match:  
DARREN COOPER  
(Croydon)**

In the 32nd minute, Croydon had  
four shots blocked by a de-  
fense. Knox defence before Alec  
stone found the gap to score  
team's second goal.

rodon continued to press for-  
ward as Fred Murray and Norrie  
continually were under pres-  
sure of waves of attacks led  
French and Cooper.

was most impressed by Cooper,  
product of the Croydon Juniors.  
has speed, is aggressive and  
ws where the goals are. He cer-  
tainly has all the attributes to de-  
velop into a first class striker.

st to keep Croydon on its toes,  
in Bryden bounced a thundering  
net off the crossbar but it  
the champions who nearly  
ed just on half time.

son Harbinson made a good run  
the right and found Jim O'Reilly  
his cross. Long managed to get a  
d to O'Reilly's diving header to at  
temporarily deny the big  
ender.

'Reilly made amends in the sec-  
ond, scoring in the 54th and 64th  
utes. The first was a close range  
from Cooper's low cross, and  
the header at the far post when  
ach headed on Livingstone's

rodon relaxed and lost concen-  
ration in the closing minutes of the  
ch, allowing substitute Terence  
ips to chip the ball into the net for  
goal in the 82nd minute and  
ly notch a second five minutes  
r, but he shot wide from a one-on-  
situation against Waterman.

**MOOROOLBARK 2 (Priestley 5th, McCann 102nd),  
BROADMEADOWS 1 (Nolan 12th) after extra time at  
North Crinian Reserve. Double header.**

**MOOROOLBARK** Graham 7 — Wilcock 6, Brack 6 (Stones 93rd),  
Trott 8, Adams 6 — Gately 6, McCann 7, Cubitt 6 — Priestley 7,  
Mills 7, Trott 8, Nyholt 6, Blair 7

**BROADMEADOWS** Pace 6 — Smart 7, Donaldson 6, Higham 7,  
Bore 6 — Griffiths 6, Watson 6, Blair 6 — Nolan 8, Loughnan 7,  
Liberto 7

**MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Stirtton 32nd, penalty  
64th, Sostac 52nd), NUMAWADING CITY 0 at North  
Crinian Reserve. Double header.**

**MORWELL FALCONS** Priestley 7 — Graham 6, D. Wilson 6, Bruns  
6, M. Carter 4 (Colaciello 60th) — T. van Baar 6 (Bezzina 70th), E.  
Cassar 8, Tutt 7, Sostac 7 — Verecha 6, Stirtton 8

**NUMAWADING CITY** Magier 7 — Hurleston 6, Chabaville 6,  
(Kammer 7, Remmers 6, Doyle 7) — Trott 8 (Nyholt 75th), Stones 7

**CROYDON CITY 4 (Cooper 16th, Livingstone 32nd,  
O'Reilly 54th, 64th), Livingstone 2nd, Jubilee Park. Double Header.**

**CROYDON** Waterman 7 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 8, Tansey 7, (Tait  
82nd), Beech 7 — Harbinson 6, Brogan 7 (Kidd 82nd), Livingston 7 —  
Humble 6, Cooper 8, French 8

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KNOX Long 7 — Rau 7, Murray 7, Pete 7, Velli 6 (Jones 62nd) —

Holmes 7, Bakker 7, Turner 6 — Red 6, Knie 6 (Philips 78th)

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Nyhol 54th, Storm  
63rd), BOX HILL 2 (Mazzagatti 24th, Burton 77th) after  
extra time, Box Hill won 4-3 on penalties at Jubilee  
Park. Double Header.**

Wilhelmina, Blackley 7 — Meyer 7, Bates 7, Cork 7, Wemys 7 —

Thompson 7, Bakker 6, Verners 6, McKinley 7 (Russell 90th) — Storm  
6, Nyhol 6

**BOX HILL** McKinley 6 — McPhee 6 (Griffith 74th), McMillan 7, Hen-  
nessy 7, Hir 7 — Taylor 8, Burton 8, Hughes 6 (Davidson 47th),  
Roodhouse 7 — McKenna 7, Mazzagatti 7

**SUNBURY UNITED 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 2  
(Smallman 25th, Palmaricotti 52nd) at Smith Reserve.  
Double Header.**

**SUNBURY UNITED** Grech 6 — P. Beranic 6, Steiner 6, Campbell 7,

Blackley 6, Hird 6 — D. Beranic 6, Greenhill 7, Tralkowski 6,  
Kremers 6, McMillan 6

**WESTERN SUBURBS** Katselis 6 — Beattie 5 (sent of 37th), Kagio-  
iou 6, Dimovski 7, Esposito 6 — Cotsman 7, Farmer 7, Stenson 8,  
Palmaricotti 7 — Smallman 7, McGuiness 6 (McCluskey 75th)

**FAWKNER 0 NTH DANDENONG 0 after extra time.  
Fawkner won 4-3 on penalties at Smith Reserve.  
Double Header.**

**FAWKNER** Wilson 6 — Chavali 7, Schipano 6, Ferla 6, Bordignon 6  
— Walsh 6, Flavel 6, Sabbatino 6, DiCocco 5 — Tuffield 6, Mancinelli  
6

**NTH DANDENONG** Kovac 8 — McMillan 7, Milne 7, Lawson 6,  
Petrakos 6 — McGuiness 6 (Bulard 68th), Byrne 6, Wainwright  
(McCormick 85th) Fox 7 — Congdon 5, McDonald 5

**CALFIELD CITY 3 (Tofari 50th, Amanatidis  
65th), Bitsonis 70th), MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 2 (Bird  
43rd pen, Mills 60th) at Ross Reserve. Double Header.**

**CALFIELD CITY** Alexandropoulos 5 — Kassidis 5, Harris 8, Brooks  
6, Tsitsiris 6 — Bitsonis 5, Taylor 7, Theoharous 6, Filopou 5 (Abra-  
m 35th, 61st) — Tofari 7, Wondimis 6 (Amanatidis 46th, 7)

**MELBOURNE HUNGARIA** Kiss 6 — Szabo 6, Bird 6, Wild 5, Ed-  
monson 5 — Kocai 6 (Bulard 72nd) — Tofari 7 (De Boni 82nd),  
Morrey 7, Wallace 7 — Theodoropoulos 6, Mills 5

**FRANKSTON PINES 5 (Runje 30th, 56th, Ar-  
mstrong 51st, 80th, Dick 75th) ALBION TURK GUCU 0  
at Ross Reserve. Double Header.**

**FRANKSTON PINES** Boland 6 — Macleod 6, Thurlow 6, Bozic 6,  
Ferri 6 — Dick 5 (Homessey 78th), Rosa 6, Cullen 7, Webster 5,  
(Cumming 78th), Armstrong 6 — Armstrong 6, Runje 5, Cullen 7  
**ALBION TURK GUCU** Stevens 5 — Naef 5, Barba 6, Behic 5, Eratay  
5 — Salih 5, Bennett 5, Nedelkoski 5 — Dilberto 5, S. Latif 5, T. Latif 5

# Juventus to go down!

The decision by the VSF  
the other season to admit  
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into the Dockerty Cup was  
hailed by the Press as a  
great one. It was the last  
chance to give this grand  
competition much-needed  
glory.

Unfortunately, some National  
League clubs don't give a  
damn about the oldest cup  
competition in Australian soccer  
and the series of double  
headers tomorrow (Thursday)  
of course fall smash-dab in the  
middle of the NSL finals.

Then again, we're a club  
official of a club still in  
the NSL finals, would you  
want to run the risk of your  
players getting injured?

Bruswick Juventus has  
made its stance crystal clear. It  
isn't going to prejudice its  
chances against Adelaide Juve-  
nitus in Adelaide on Sunday.

## Bitsonis wins it for Caulfield

**Caulfield 3  
Melbourne 2**

**Scorers:** Tofari 50th,  
Amanatidis 65th, Bitsonis  
70th (C); Bird 43rd pen, Mills  
60th (M).

**Venue:** Ross Reserve.

Melbourne and Caul-  
field fought out an enter-  
taining match at Ross  
Reserve with Caulfield  
finally, and deservedly,  
gaining victory.

Melbourne opened the scoring  
in the 43rd minute when  
skipper John Bird easily con-  
verted a penalty awarded  
when Caulfield fullback Peter  
Tsitsiris prevented the ball  
from going into goal by using a  
hand.

The half-time lead for Mel-  
bourne was a fair indication  
of play as midfielders Robert  
Morrey and John Wallace  
were dominating the centre of  
the field.

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Amanatidis from the start of  
the second half and his com-  
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— MIKE LYNN

**By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE**

Just take a look at the Juventus  
against Fawkner in the second match of  
a double header tomorrow night at Olympic Park No. 1.  
You'll see plenty of youthful  
grains for this is the chance for  
many Juventines youth team  
players to show what Ian  
McKendry what they can do at  
senior level.

Fawkner, of course, will go  
into the match close to full  
strength and I'm tipping a  
Fawkner victory. Ian Tuffield  
could have a real night out in  
this one.

The first match at Olympic  
Park tomorrow night gets under-  
way at 7pm and Melbourne  
Caulfield, the Dockerty Cup holder,  
should move into the quarter-finals at  
the expense of Caulfield.

The second match at  
Middle Park tomorrow features  
John Margaritis' South  
Melbourne Hellas against another  
Greek-backed club, Caulfield City. Hellas will  
win, but what a proud day for  
one of Caulfield, one of the  
most successful clubs in  
Victorian soccer in recent  
times.

Rumor has it that Croydon  
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last weekend in its Dockerty  
Cup clash with Ringwood Wil-  
helmina and midfielder Chris  
Tucker, sent off in the same  
match.

Victorian Melbourne mid-  
fielder Wallace provide the in-  
spiration for his side to retake  
the lead in the 60th minute  
when he jinked his way brill-  
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fenders and then played the ball  
forward to striker Lou  
Theodoropoulos standing on  
the edge of the penalty area.

The young striker then did the  
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Miller, whose hard low drive  
beat goalkeeper Con Alexan-  
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Caulfield dominated play for  
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— MIKE LYNN

pense of Morwell Falcons.  
Mind you, Morwell won't go  
under without a fight.

Heidelberg clashes with  
Mooroobark, the only Victoria  
team to have been left in the  
competition at 1.30pm tomorrow  
in the first game of a double  
header at Middle Park.

Like Croatia, Heidelberg only  
has the Dockerty Cup to play  
for this season and while the  
Barkers deserve great credit  
for getting this far it's hard  
to see them knocking off a  
team that finished in the top  
five of the Southern Division  
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The Hillmen have a fair bit  
of character though and they'll  
give Gully a run for its money  
but I can't see the home team  
getting beaten.

JUST squares up to Western Suburbs in the  
first match of tomorrow's double  
header at Connor Reserve. This  
game starts at 1.30pm.

Bobby McGuinness, despite  
carrying a groin injury, is de-  
termined to play. He's got a  
couple of scores to settle with  
JUST, and Suburbs have quali-  
fying players such as Ged Stenson,  
David Smallman and Steve Di-  
mowski, who almost joined  
JUST earlier this year. Yes,

Suburbs will be tough to toss  
but my money's still on JUST.

Preston Makedonia, beaten  
finalist in last year's Dockerty  
Cup, takes on Frankston Pines  
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Reserve and looks far too

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Here are tomorrow's (Thurs-  
day) Dockerty Cup double  
headers with likely winners in  
capitals:

**Olympic Park No. 1  
MELBOURNE CRO-  
ATIA v Morwell Falcons  
at 7pm, followed by  
Brunswick Juventus v  
FAWKNER at 8.30pm.**

**Connor Reserve  
FOOTSCRAY JUST v  
Western Suburbs at  
1.30pm, followed by  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v  
Frankston Pines at  
3.30pm.**

**Middle Park  
HEIDELBERG v Moor-  
obark at 1.30pm, fol-  
lowed by SOUTH  
MELBOURNE HELLAS v  
Caulfield at 3.30pm.**

**Green Gully Reserve  
GEORGE CROSS v  
Croydon at 1.30pm, fol-  
lowed by GREEN GULLY v  
Box Hill at 3.30pm.**

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Frankston Pines at  
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**Man of  
the match:  
CHRIS KOVAC  
(Nth Dandenong)**

did dominate play and for long  
periods the ball hovered around the  
North Dandenong penalty area.

In the 20th minute, referee Sam Zoumas awarded  
Fawkner a general shot and  
swiped it with Dandenong  
skipper Steve Lawless. Lawless had  
handled the ball when he and Fawkner striker Fab Mancini  
got tangled with each other.

But Fawkner won't let back  
when Fawkner made amends for  
his penalty miss during the  
match and then Angie Petros  
and Fox both missed their  
penalty kicks.

Walsh and Frank Sabbatino  
scored easily and Mark Congden  
renewed Nth. Dandenong  
hopes with his successful kick.

With the score at 3-3 and  
Fawkner having one kick remain-  
ing, up stepped the youthful Peter  
Bordignon who calmly slotted away the winner  
like a seasoned veteran.

**Man of  
the match:  
JOHN CULLEN  
(Frankston Pines)**

One hell of a rotten season,  
don't you think?

— MIKE LYNN.

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• Brunswick Juventus under-13s, runner-up in the JLMC Cup. Back row: A. Ursini (coach), M. Tenuta, R. Tudisco, M. Pomiglio, Mr Giuliano (masseur), R. Alessi, A. Muccio, T. Zappone, J. Alessi (team manager). Front row: F. Giusti, T. Giuliano, D. Tiatto, J. Ursini, M. De Filippo, P. Melideo, O. Petrucelli. Picture: ERMES BERGAGNA.



• Brunswick Juventus under-18s, winners of the JLMC Cup. Back row: F. De Amicis, J. Di Quinzio (Masseur), R. Falcone (property steward), N. Mariani (coordinator), P. Martinucci, S. Valentino, P. Palleschi, P. Samardja, Claudio Korfic (coach), R. Giandomenico (vice-captain), P. Borin, M. Sangiorgio (captain), D. Manduca (juniors chairman), Mr. Angelo (sponsor). Front row: G. Falcone, T. Palleschi, A. Manduca, J. Bassu, R. Carraro, A. Gatto.

## In Adelaide duello delle due Juventus

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(cosa che purtroppo fa ancora parte della fantascienza).

Comunque le cose in campo domenica scorsa sono andate male per l'Heidelberg e il Sydney City che hanno perso rispettivamente contro Marconi e George Cross e sono state eliminate.

Il formato della competizione quest'anno è cambiato, dando il titolo del girone alla squadra che finiva in testa alla classifica e il diritto di battersi per il titolo australiano alla squadra che vincerà il torneo a cinque (manco se i regolamenti fossero fatti dalla Juventus di Melbourne che è stata così favorita per due anni: l'anno scorso vinse il titolo finendo terza ma vincento la finale a cinque, quest'anno lo ha rivinto finendo prima in classifica).

Il cambiamento è stato in gran parte apportato perché l'anno scorso c'erano state avverse critiche al fatto che un titolo calcistico venisse assegnato con lo stesso sistema del football australiano ("scandaloso", dissero in molti), anche se tutti furono d'accordo che il girone finale era stato il più grosso successo di pubblico e di spettacolo in tutta la storia della Lega Nazionale. Così si è cercato di salvare capre e cavoli dando il titolo alla squadra che lo ha conquistato di diritto vincendo il campionato e facendo disputare i due tornei a cinque per la finalissima del titolo australiano.

Ma gli scontenti di quest'anno sembrano essere ancora di più di quelli dell'anno scorso e le critiche ancora più aspre. E' proprio la dimostrazione che non si è mai contenti. Per noi il sistema va benissimo, perché premia la squadra migliore sull'arco dell'intero campionato e, a campionato concluso, lancia una nuova competizione a larga base per decidere la squadra campione d'Australia.

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Anche se l'attenzione generale sembra polarizzata sugli eventi della Lega Nazionale, molti avvenimenti di nota per il calcio italo-australiano sono anche nelle leghe statali del Victoria. Nella State League Fawkner, Thomas-town e Morwell, dopo altri

bassi, hanno chiuso la stagione comodamente a centro classifica e hanno affilato le armi per fare ancora meglio l'anno prossimo.

Ma il trionfo totale lo si è avuto nella seconda divisione dove Veneto Bulleen e TGrinstina sono finite nelle prime due posizioni dopo un campionato eccezionale per tenuta e struttura. Mentre il Bulleen è stato in testa per la maggior parte del campionato e si è meritatamente laureato campione, la Triestina ha dovuto soffrire durante il finale per guadagnarsi il secondo posto e la promozione dopo aver perso a tavolino due punti per la nota "vincenda Vojtek".

Ma quello che in un certo senso è più importante del successo sul campo, perché garantisce successi futuri a catena, è il grande miglioramento amministrativo fatto registrare dalle due squadre italiane.

Mentre il Bulleen è cresciuto enormemente come entità a sé stante sotto l'ala di quella generosa e formosa ciocchina che è il Veneto Social Club di Bulleen, la Triestina si è dovuto fare un nido suo come pulcino un po' perso nella steppa e alla fine adattato dalla Associazione ex V.G.P.F.; il nuovo complesso dell'Ormond Park rappresenta finalmente una sede decorosa per una delle più gloriose squadre italiane del Victoria. L'amministrazione di Armando De Lizza merita un grosso riconoscimento.

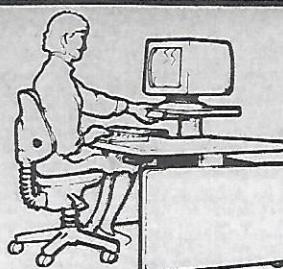
Peccato che le due "principine" del calcio nostrano non potranno continuare la tenzone durante la Coppa Italia che verrà organizzata sul campo del Veneto Club, perché la Triestina "sdegnata" da piccole beghe passate ha deciso di assumere il ruolo di grande assente, naturalmente non tenendo conto che "chi si ritira finisce per aver sempre torto".

Nella Dockey Cup il Fawkner ha passato il turno e domani sera alle 8 scenderà all'Olympic Park contro la Juventus... che non ci sarà perché in procinto di partire per Adelaide; ma ci sarà la squadra giovanile che venderà cara la pelle.

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James Hardie NISL standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lotto All Stars	6	0	0	34	16	18
Sydney Tornados	4	0	1	32	16	13
Brisbane Buffalos	3	0	3	22	14	12
Enduro Spartans	3	0	2	30	27	11
Ansett Valley Stars	3	0	1	29	16	10
Canb. City Strikers	2	0	2	16	23	8
Melb. Eliminators	1	0	4	25	36	7
Buffalo Mets	1	0	3	16	23	6
Canberra Rockets	0	0	4	16	36	4
Mackay Monarchs	0	0	3	3	16	3

**Man of the match:  
CARLO AKKARI  
(E. Spartans)**

## Enduro's Akkari stars in 24-goal thriller

### E. Spartans 14 M. Eliminators 10

**SPARTANS:** Sales 7, Vince 7, Akkari 9, Yunan 7, De Milo 8, Silva 8.  
**ELIMINATORS:** Terzini 8, Boin 8, Noggler 9, Kondinski 7, Micheloudakis 9, Metaxas 7, Kotzamichalis 7, Avgerinos 7.

In this first Melbourne-Sydney derby of the season, Enduro Spartans dominated the opening 10 minutes.

With quick passing and excellent running off the ball they soon established a 4-0 lead.

A long-range shot by Carlo Akkari left Eliminators goalie Maurice Terzini stranded as the ball whistled into the back of the net for the first goal. Then goals by Chris Vince, Sid Rojana and Marcela Basic had the Eliminators reeling.

But the Eliminators fought back to make a more even contest of the remainder of the half.

A pin-point pass from John Metaxas to Ernie Boin led to the Eliminators first goal.

However, goals by Luis De Milo and Akkari gave the Enduro Spartans a 6-1 lead at half time.

A change of tactics by the Eliminators enabled them to pressure the Spartans who then made basic errors and mainly through the efforts of John Micheloudakis and Robbie Noggler, the Eliminators almost staged a miraculous recovery.

Akkari starred for the Spartans and scored five goals in the second half.

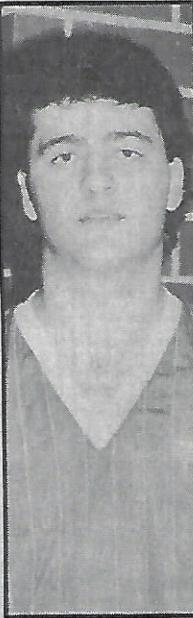
The action was end-to-end stuff and the crowd was enthralled by the skill

and determination of both teams.

Noggler made several crucial interceptions as did Micheloudakis to score seven goals between them. These two look set to take the indoor soccer world by storm.

But as soon as the Eliminators got within striking distance of the Spartans a goal re-established the Spartans breathing space. Goals by Vince, Akkari, Robert Yunan and Hilton Silva for the Spartans and by Noggler, Micheloudakis, Metaxas and Aki Kotzamichalis for the Eliminators saw the Spartans win 14-10.

This was easily the most exciting game so far of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League and should other games reach this standard then crowds will be flocking to the venues.

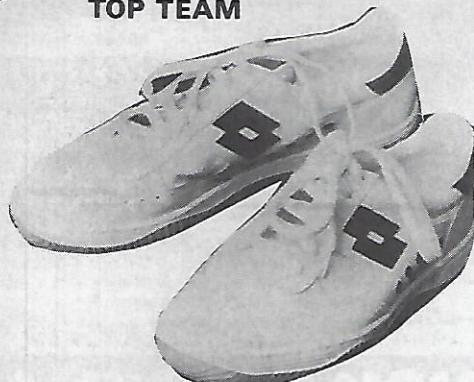


**Aki Kotzamichalis**

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Baravelli, Mainenti and the Sabidussi brothers all distinguished themselves in outdoor soccer with Brunswick Juventus and Fawkner. Now they've joined together to form a formidable indoor soccer combination. You can read about their success on page 15.

# Whirlwind start by Tornadoes



• Ernie Boin

Syd Tornadoes 9  
M. Eliminators 3

TORNADOES: Carlisle 7,  
Stuart 7, Lembryk 6, Jeffrey  
8, Gilligan 8, Osman 7, Knight  
8.

ELIMINATORS: Terzini 7,  
Boin 8, Kotzamichalis 7, Metaxas 7, Kondinski 7, Michelioudakis 8, Noggler 8.

The Sydney Tornadoes started this game in amazing fashion scoring in the first thirty seconds through Gilligan.

Melbourne Eliminators coach Dean Poropat immediately called time-out to organise his team in order to count the Tornadoes' attack. As the Eliminators settled into the game it became harder for the Tornadoes to break through.

Ernie Boin and Aki Kotzamichalis made life difficult for the Tornadoes forwards only to see a

Opening goal  
scored after  
30 seconds

breakaway result in a goal for Stuart.

With a 2-0 lead, the Tornadoes slowed the game down and tried to draw the Eliminators out of defence. This plan backfired when Robbie Noggler received a pass, took on two Tornadoes defenders and beat keeper Chris Carlisle from close range.

Soon after, the Tornadoes made it 3-1 when a good passing move ended with Osman putting the ball away.

A free kick just outside the penalty area for the Eliminators was converted by John Metaxas and this left us with a halftime score of 3-2.

Five minutes into the second half, Noggler again struck for the Eliminators to make it 3-3. John Micelioudakis and Noggler had the Tornadoes in a bit of bother but the experience of the Tornadoes then became apparent as did the fatigue in the young Eliminators side which was playing its second game for the night.

Goals by Lembryk and Osman and four goals by Jeffrey gave the Tornadoes a much needed win following their loss the previous week to the Lotto Allstars.



• John Metaxas

## Allstars stand firm as Eliminators fight back

L. Allstars 4  
M. Eliminators 3

LOTTO ALLSTARS —  
Bruce 8, Peachy 8, Pat 7, Dalton 7, Ross 8, Beck 7, Moon 9,  
Gilligan 2.

ELIMINATORS — Terzini 8, Boin 8, Noggler 9, Kondinski 7, Michelioudakis 8, Metaxas 8.

The Eliminators have a habit of needing to come from behind and this game was no exception.

What started as an even contest saw the Lotto Allstars take a 2-0 lead within the first 10 minutes.

A shot by Peachy from the half-way line deceived Terzini and registered the game's first goal.

Leon Moon then came into the game with a bang

**Man of the match:**  
**MOON**  
(Allstars)

and gave the Allstars their 2-0.

Not to be denied, the Eliminators made the score 2-1 with a goal from Robbie Noggler. Moon then restored the Allstars two-goal lead when he scored from close range.

In the second half, the Eliminators came out with all barrels firing and within two minutes made the score 3-2 due to the

persistence of John Metaxas who won the ball and slammed it home.

Moon then made the score 4-2 with a good goal involving most of the Allstars players. This goal only seemed to inspire the Eliminators and they scored 10 minutes later through Noggler.

When the final whistle blew, the scoreline of 4-3 was a credit to the efforts of the Allstars goalie and their desperation in defence.

The Eliminators lost the game but won over the fans with one exciting display.

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# INDOOR SOCCER (international rules)

• Tony Mainenti  
of White Peles



Sabidussis show their skills and Carciovanni Rangers are no match for White Peles

**Man of the match:**  
**Tony Mainenti**  
(White Peles)

**White Peles 8**  
**Carciovanni R. 1**

WHITE PELES: C. Baravelli 8, B. Sabadussi 8, C. Sardelli 8, T. Mainenti 5, P. Woodward 2, J. Cesarin 6. CARCIOVANNI RANGERS: S. Sella 7, A. Tochetto 7, S. Dal Costello 8, M. Terzini 7, L. Stocco 7, D. Cesarin 6. This Donvale Group B final turned out to be a one-sided affair with the ever-present ball skills in the Peles team showing spectators and especially the Rangers who the boss of the court was.

The Sabidussi brothers have outstanding ball skills and when they have the ball it is almost impossible to get it back.

Carlo Baravelli played a top game with three goals to his credit and by half time the White Peles were 5-0 up.

The Rangers Steve Dal Costello and Silvio Sella tried hard on a number of occasions to win the ball and set up attacking moves, but only one goal came in the second half. That was from Dal Costello.

Daniel Cesarin, the Rangers keeper, had his hands full trying to stop the avalanche of shots from the Peles.

The White Peles now meet the Smooth Operators, champions of Group A for the Donvale Centre championship.

**Azzurri 7**  
**Bonds 5**

Azzurri, with only four players on court, kept Bonds at bay long enough to beat them by two goals.

Peter Papaconstantinou of Bonds was in a goalscoring mood with two in the first half and one in the second.

## Archimandritis bags four, Mutundies outclassed

Most of the games played at the Preston Centre were one-sided. In the youth game between Olympic and Gladstone Raiders, the dominating play of Chris Archimandritis and Peter Lagaris left the Raiders flat-footed.

Every player in the Olympic side scored with Archimandritis having four to his credit. Olympic won 10-0.

**United Nations 7**  
**Zaggers 9**

There was another easy victory for the taking for United Nations which led 4-0 at half time.

Both sides were kept to two goals apiece in the second half and Bonds could not find that extra lift to win the game.

**Raiders 10**  
**Disciples 9**

Unlucky Disciples missed out by a goal after playing superbly in the second half and outscoring the Raiders 10-9.

Carlo Innamorati played a blinder. He kept urging on his team mates and he scored three good goals.

The first half saw the Disciples down 5-3 with Kafitoris and Dallas for Raiders both scoring two goals.

But the second half saw the Disciples change tactics and intercept a lot of passes.

Top goalscorers were Kafitoris for Raiders with five goals and Darren Lamers for Disciples with four.

**Fijiana 8**  
**Master Blaster 3**

Fijiana displayed excellent ball skills and great scoring ability throughout the team which will not be a pushover for any side.

At halftime the Fijiana boys led 6-2.

Kardaros for Master Blaster scored all his team's goals with two in the first and one in the second.

**Zobel 12**  
**Sweathogs 2**

Zobel, the new team at Donvale, is an excellent combination and had the Sweathogs in trouble from the start.

Like Fijiana, these boys are great goalscorers and are a fine team unit.

The Sweathogs' goals came from Zachariou while Ceaser and Ermias for Zobel both scored four.

## Celtics go on a 20-goal rampage

**Brill. Barbas 7**  
**Man. Excited 4**

This top-of-the-table clash at Thomastown was certainly one to remember. It was fast, exciting and very entertaining.

The Brilliant Barbas did not allow Manchester Excited to get into their usual free-flowing style of play.

They took the initiative from the beginning and were never headed.

Perry Belegriros had another fine game for the Brilliant Barbas, scoring a hat-trick, while Bill Costas scored two goals and also played well.

Goalkeeper Nick Ktasis saved most things that came his way to deny Manchester Excited any hope of at least salvaging a draw.

Peter Markakos notched two goals with singles from Thalassinos and Kououris.

tis. They were Excited's best players.

**Celtics 20**  
**Gladiators 0**

The Celtics completely bombarded goalkeeper Vic Stoikos and trounced the Gladiators.

John Metaxas and Peter Pasipatis both scored seven goals with Peter Metaxas scoring four and Kon Tsobanopoulos one.

The score could have been even greater had the Celtics not wasted numerous opportunities early in the second half.

Shamrocks 7  
**Gippstars 4**

Shamrocks recorded another victory and are pushing for that coveted top spot.

Patrick Keoghan dominated the game and scored two goals as did Paul Murphy and Sean McGovern.

Michal Kyriakopoulos

was the Gippstars best player. He scored twice with singles coming from John Paitas and Arthur Argyropoulos.

**Vasco de Gama 5**  
**Internazionale 4**

This was a fantastic game with which to end the night.

The winning goal was scored with only a couple of minutes to go and Vasco came from a 1-0 deficit at half time to score a great win.

Jim Tanevski scored four goals and was the man of the match.

Bill Grbac scored the other for Vasco.

Nick Staikos scored a hat-trick with Nine Vermali scoring the other for Inter and were their side's best players on the night.

With a couple of games in hand, Vasco de Gama still is in there with a chance for the top five.

have been catastrophic to their chances but as the match panned out they were contained to just one goal in each half. The Juventus boys finally bowed out to a stronger team on the night.

**Nacionals 6**  
**Ugly Juve. 2**

Nacionals figured in the closest fought game of the night, although in the end their victory was clear-cut.

Goodonya 18

Mut. Revenge 0

Mutundies Revenge, playing with a depleted side, simply was outclassed by the stronger and more aggressive Goodonya.

Juventus built up a number of fouls which could

man team of Euronations used careful substituting to give the opportunity to every player to score a number of goals.

The Preston champions showed that this season they still will be in strong contention for honors.

Daniel Hramin was man of the match but all the Euronations lads played well.

Moreland's only goal came from Patrick O'Connor.

## STANDINGS

Donvale Group 2 standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Zobel	3	0	0	30	6	9
Azzurri	2	0	1	17	12	7
Raiders	2	0	1	17	14	7
Sweathogs	2	0	1	15	13	7
Fijiana	0	0	2	13	6	6
Adriatic-Slickers	1	1	1	11	12	6
Bonds	1	0	2	14	17	5
Master Plaster	1	0	2	11	25	5
Peperoncini	0	1	2	5	20	4
Nike	0	0	2	7	10	2
Disciples	0	0	2	12	17	

Preston Senior standngs

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Grasshoppers	5	0	6	11	15	
Preston Pythons	4	0	0	37	10	15
Euronations	3	1	2	29	14	13
Goodonya	3	0	2	42	18	11
Moreland	3	0	2	29	15	11
Nacionals	1	1	3	20	26	8
Ugly Juventus	0	0	6	10	60	6
Mutundies Revenge	0	0	5	4	78	5

Preston Youth Standngs

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
United Nations	5	0	40	10	15	
Olympic	3	1	1	34	14	15
Makedonian Raiders	4	0	1	38	8	13
Zaggers	2	0	2	16	13	11
Internazionale Elim.	1	1	3	10	31	8
Red Star	0	0	4	12	29	7
Gladstone Raiders	0	0	4	7	32	7

Senior top scorers: 26 - John Metaxas (Grass); 24 - Terry Frankopakis (Euro); 17 - Fortunato Carvalho (PP); 14 - Kotzimichas (Grass).

Youth top scorers: 23 - Jim Georgarakis (UN); 21 - Mazda Toshevski 21 (MR); 12 - Chris Archimandritis (OH).

Thomastown Standngs

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brilliant Barbas	8	0	6	44	21	24
Manchester Excited	6	0	1	59	20	19
Celtics	6	0	1	82	14	18
Shamrocks	5	0	3	40	27	18
Furious Five	5	0	2	43	19	17
Vasco de Gama	3	0	2	26	18	14
Internazionale	2	0	5	31	34	11
Marazico	1	0	5	21	50	11
Gladiators	1	0	7	14	68	10
Gippstars	1	0	6	23	66	9
Wanderers	0	0	8	15	81	6

Thomastown top scorers: 41 - J. Metaxas (C); 27 - P. Belgrino (BB); 24 - G. Thalassinos (ME); 19 - P. Markakos (MM).

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